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**SUMMARY OF TELECONFERENCE MEETING #1
AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP
ARIZONA CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY GROUP
SEPTEMBER 1, 2005**

Attendance:

1. Technical Working Group members:
 - Bas Aja – Arizona Cattlemen’s Association
 - Bob Broscheid – Arizona Game & Fish Department
 - Marcia Colquitt – AZ Department of Agriculture
 - Jim Crosswhite – Rancher
 - Dannion Cuning– Lake Havasu City Convention and Visitors Bureau
 - Don Farmer – Arizona Wildlife Federation
 - Steve Gatewood – Greater Flagstaff Forest Council
 - Jim Henness – Farmer
 - Kirk Rowdabaugh – Arizona State Forester
 - Robert Shuler – Western Growers Association
 - Karen Smith – Arizona Department of Water Resources
2. ADEQ staff: Kurt Maurer
3. CCS: Stephen Roe, Thomas Peterson

Background documents:

(all posted at <http://www.azclimatechange.us/template.cfm?FrontID=4671>)

1. AZ Open Meeting Law Background
2. AZ Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory Report
3. Initial List of Policy Options

Discussion items and key issues:

1. AZ Open Meeting Law – Private communications among TWG members

Kurt Maurer agreed to invite Assistant Attorney General Joe Mikitish to attend the next meeting to clarify Open Meeting Law requirements for members.

2. Agricultural base case GHG estimates for agricultural burning

- a. CCS staff explained the basis for these estimates (EPA SGIT), and that they are very small ($<<0.1$ MMTCO₂e).
- b. CCS will post the SGIT spreadsheet to the CCAG website for review of this or any other agricultural sector GHG issues.

3. Forestry base case GHG estimates – Representativeness of USFS inventories for use in C sequestration projections

CCS staff requested that TWG members provide optional methods and data sources for use in forecasting carbon sink (sequestration) estimates

4. Review list of policy options and ranking criteria

CCS staff requested that TWG members review the list and identify whether any additional option categories or individual options should be added. Recommended additions were to be provided to S. Roe by 9/06/05. CCS staff reviewed the objective of the workgroup which is to consider the list, expand where possible, and prioritize options based on their emission reduction potential, cost effectiveness, co-benefits and ancillary impacts, and feasibility issues.

5. TWG documents – formatting to reduce file size

Some members expressed difficulty printing the large documents from the Web site. CCS agreed to look in to whether there are options for reducing the amount of graphics and images.

Next steps and agreements:

1. Document updates
 - a. Provide additions to the policy options list to S. Roe.
2. **Next Meeting: September 8, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.**